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## A Letter From Italy.

The following letter from Miss Lucia Burnam will be of interest to many of our readers. It is a personal letter to Mrs. Robert R. Burnam, but as it contains nothing of a private nature, Mrs. Burnam has at our earnest solicitation, allowed us to give it to our readers. The author of the letter has been abroad for about eighteen months. Siena is a small mountain town in Italy—interesting on account of its history.—Ed.

Siena, Italy, May, 16, 1911

My Dear Cynthia:

I have sent letters and post cards to Robert and Mary since I reached Siena but I seem always to have left out the most delightful experiences—or they happen just after I have sent off a letter. Last Saturday a beautiful warm morning I walked to the convent of the Asservatas founded by Sen. Bernardino, one of Siena's famous saints who was also one of the great preachers of the middle ages. Situated on a lofty eminence, the convent commands a grand view of Siena and the mountains. The servants were working in the vineyard and I noticed that the strawberries were in bloom, so the good brothers will not be entirely dependent on alms for their luxuries, whatever they may be for their daily bread. They are Franciscans who take vows of poverty and look poorer with their sandals and bare heads, than any other order I have seen. The convent has some good pictures, but its chief treasure is a coronation of the Virgin by Della Robbia. There is so much to know and I learn that I am always coming on something new that I ought to have known long before. So when I saw this exquisite altar piece in white and blue faience I was perfectly amazed, for I had no idea he worked in this material. You can hardly believe that such beauty and tenderness of expression, such grace of movement and attitude can be found in China. Beautiful as it all is, the little angels gave me most pleasure. They look like joyous laughing babies all but the little serious one and you feel like squeezing him to your heart and making him laugh too. The post card I enclose gives only a faint idea of it. I intend to buy a beautiful photograph of it, the as a rule I con-

tent myself with post cards. There is an authentic likeness of St. Bernardino from life—nothing like so cheerful looking as the brother who showed me the convent treasures. I noticed a M. S. S. in Arabic on the desk when I went to write my name on the visitors book and he told me with some pride that he spoke—Arabic—having been at Jerusalem and Cairo, and that he thought it the most difficult of all languages. He was very kind but evidently thought a very brief inspection of the picture all that was necessary, so I came away before I was ready—and forgot to look for the tomb of Petrus one of the things I went to see. (You need not mind if you never heard of him—I believe nobody does till he comes to Siena, but he was a great man in his day.) Sunday I decided not to go to church, after the sad experience of the preceding Sunday, of which I wrote to Robert—so with guide book in hand I wandered at random through these narrow paved evil smelling ways which answer for streets. A pestilence destroyed 80,000 people in Siena during the middle ages and a Canadian lady in the house quite seriously asked me if I did not think the germs were still here and there are moments when you can think so. The sound of drums and many feet arrested my attention and going to wall which overlooked a street 20 feet below I beheld a very curious sight. Six or eight men dressed in medieval costumes carrying banners on which were the coats of arms of their wards were marching every now and then stopping to wave the flags—drawing them dextrously under one leg and over the other, then throwing them high into the air and catching them always by the staff as they came down. They were practicing for the Palio which comes off in August. I went one way and they another, but I met them half a dozen times until I was afraid they would think I was following them up, last when I was returning to my dinner and they were refreshing themselves at a little shop with the red wine of the country which is very good here. Many of the palaces here still have the great iron rings used in olden times to support the flag staffs and torches the only means of lighting the city. Others bear the coats of arms of famous old Sienese families. We often come upon the Piccolome crests. The she wolf with the twins is supposed by some to have been brought from Rome by the son of Remus who founded Siena and in the Palazzo Salimbeni are great stone Lion heads jutting out from the walls. I went to Vespers at the cathedral, celebrated by the Archbishop a fat but feeble looking old man. The Sienese are very religious and the city is under special protection of the Virgin—"Our Lady" as they sweetly call her. It is something really wonderful to be in a church and see some young girl, an old woman or an old man come in, kneel devotedly down and after a short prayer

go out again apparently refreshed in soul. I cannot but feel that the constant use of the church as a daily prayer means a great deal in the spiritual life of this people. I know our stock argument that a religion must be judged by its fruits and that catholicism judged by the ignorance and degradation of the people where it is supreme must fall before Protestantism. But on the other hand, they seem to me, to believe more simply—to love more ardently and I am not prepared to say that this child like faith is not as much to be desired as our determination to think for ourselves which ends often in believing nothing. I must say I see no evidence of the dissatisfaction with the church in Italy of which we read so much. I did not mean to write any of this, but to tell you of the Bella Asini with its wealth of old masters, many of which make you long for a modern gallery, of my drive yesterday to a medieval castle now the residence of a wealthy Sienese couple. They were both in the court yard as I entered with my hand lady whom I invited to go with me. Very nice looking kindly people they seemed. They have no children. "It is a great disappointment," says la Signora. The drive was up a hill and from the battlement of the castle we had a grand view but judged simply as scenery, this drive does not compare with a dozen round Ashville. In fact the poverty of the soil affords but a scanty subsistence for herbage of any kind, though there are great fields of scarlet poppies, the great hill sides recently clothed with some sort of greenery, contrast ill with the magnificent rhododendrons, the flame colored azaleas, the miles of wild callaheanthus the superb chestnut and oaks of N. C. On the other hand Siena sits like a queen on her three hills, surrounded by the old walls whose gates are closed and locked every night as they were a thousand years ago, and I will remember that when the train pulled into a hideous little plank station surrounded by squalid huts, I involuntarily exclaimed—Ashville is a perfect hole. It is the history which makes the fascination of this land. With love to all the family.

Aff. Yours,  
Lucia F. B.

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Colored Methodists.  
The District Sunday School Convention of the African M. E. Church closed a four days meeting last Sunday here and a large crowd of folks enjoyed the session. Many prominent colored brethren of the church in the state were present.

The Cause of Constipation.  
Constipation is, in some cases, the direct result from a typhoid or slow acting Liver, brought about by the withholding of the flow of bile. This condition is commonly allied with more or less indigestion and dyspepsia, partly due to the constipation itself.

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Resigned.  
Deputy Collector Ben Herndon, who has had his headquarters here under Collector Cooper, of the Eighth District, resigned last week and will return to the storekeeper-gauger assignment. Mr. and Mrs. Herndon left Thursday for Lancaster where they will reside. Their many friends will regret to learn that they have left Richmond.

Kidneys Diseases Are Curable  
Under certain conditions. The right medicine must be taken before the disease has progressed too far. Mr. Perry A. Pittman, Dale, Tex. says "I was down in bed for four months with kidney and bladder trouble and gall and stones. One bottle of Foley's Kidney Remedy cured me well and sound." Ask for it at Stockton & Son.

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Mr. John Parks, the veteran fox dog breeder, suffered a very bad loss last week, by having his fine runner, Margaret, so seriously injured that she may never be of any use. In some manner one of her legs was torn almost completely off while in the chase and it was not discovered until the animal came in next morning with the rest of the pack. It is thought barbed wire was the cause.

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Big Fair.  
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## Odd Lots, Remnants, Etc

preferring to close them out at sacrifice rather than carry them over. Our patrons know our methods and we are not going to give you a lot of highfaluting newspaper talk that we can't make good. But we have this to say:

**If you are looking for values at a price== we have them**

Your money's worth and more. All summer goods must go if prices will move them. They will go—not something for nothing—but high grade light weight merchandise at the lowest prices you have seen this season. We quote a few prices and ask you to come in and look and if not as represented, don't spend a penny

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